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here. What in the world are "exemplary criteria"? Even Senator Landis doesn't know what that means. I'm sure Senator "Bruner" doesn't...Bruning does not know, and you know why he doesn't know? Because it hasn't been defined. It's going to be determined by the department, whichever department that is. So right now you all have advanced a bill that talks about exemplary criteria that these businesses must meet, the businesses don't know what that means, you all don't know what it means, Senator Bruning doesn't know what it means. So what this bill is based on is a lot of ignorance, and the body would have to acknowledge its ignorance. Because, if I'd go around the room and ask questions to senators, they wouldn't be able to answer the questions, because there are no answers provided by this bill. We should define what, for the purposes of this bill, constitutes being a full-time student, what constitutes being a part-time student.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would taking one hour qualify you as a part-time student? What is a "nontraditional student"? What is that? No, Senator Crosby, don't say an old person, because that is becoming the model, the standard, now. In fact, when you go to these classes and you see these young people there, you wonder what in the world are they doing intruding in this senior citizens' gathering. So that is a term that is as shifting as the border between Nebraska and Missouri. We should define "participating postsecondary institutions", but we cannot define them because it is not necessary that there be an approval process put in place which these...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd waive.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I was going to say, there is no approval process in place. So how are you to determine that one of these postsecondary institutions will be allowed to participate in this program? Whoever makes the decision will just make it on an ad hoc basis. And, Senator Cudaback, if they make it, after